

# SUCH HORRID DRINKING WATER.

Nasty Looking Stuff Comes from the Hydrants To-Day Full of All Sorts of Wrigglers.

Water, water everywhere,  
Said all the whales and shrimps  
And such things as you think  
Are found along in ocean slime  
At the day's close.

Ancient New Yorker.

Over a million New Yorkers are drinking the vilest water that civilized man has ever been forced to use on Manhattan Island. A few thousand who can afford to do so are using bottled spring water and thousands of others are boiling or filtering their Croton before using it.

There are over a dozen shades of Croton water between the Battery and Harlem. Far upstream the water is as it flows from the fountains of the color of smooth, shiny brown. Then it grows lighter as the distance from the aqueduct increases, until at Fourteenth Street its color is a dark yellow.

It was not until to-day that the water below Fourteenth Street became affected, but for a week or more to come, as the best authorities say, the water in the lower section of the city will be discolored and disagreeable to the taste and smell.

**Engineer Says Its Vile.**

Chief Engineer George W. Birdsell, of the Water Supply Department, had this to say about the condition of the water most New Yorkers are forced to use:

"It is true that the water we are now getting is not fit to drink. I see that Dr. Cyrus Edison says it is dangerous to health and should be boiled. I agree with him that the water is bad and does undoubtedly contain quantities of bacteria, perhaps more than ever before, but I don't agree with the boiling idea."

"The best way to purify water is to simply let a pail of canton channel over the mouth of the water faucet with the fuzzy side up and let that act as a filter. That is how I filter water at my house."

"How long will it last?" he was asked. "Several days at least. That is, unless—"

"The people living in the upper part of New York noticed the water was discolored yesterday. That was because the supply came direct from the aqueduct and had no chance to settle."

"To-day will be the worst of all and for four or five days it will be bad, but, downtown the discoloration, while not so pronounced, will last longer because it won't settle so soon in the pipes."

"There is no remedy for it in time of a freshet until the new Jerome Park reservoir is completed. Then, with the Bronx and Central Park reservoirs, a former with a capacity of twenty-four or twenty-five thousand million tons, the water will be pure and safe. But that will not be for four years to come."

The idea that because a certain number of bacteria to a certain quantity of water exists does not, however, make the water more unhealthy. It is the palatable quality of the germs, and not the quantity. How poisonous the water is I cannot even guess, but there must be a great deal of foul and unhealthy matter in it, judging from its heavy color.

"It is a mistake, though, to think that the water contains all of the dirt stirred up by the freshet, for thirty times the amount of water used is flowing over the Croton dam now and that dilutes the water. Still, it is best to filter it while it is colored."

In some parts of Manhattan Island, notably on the big street mains leading from the aqueduct, the water is so discolored to-day that it is unfit even to wash in. This is especially true in the upper west side.

Many a washday will have to be postponed until next week. Monday was too rainy, and the water yesterday and to-day would give to white linen and cotton an Isabella shade not fancied by careful housewives.



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Shirts with long or short sleeves; Drawers in long or short lengths.

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But Mary Ann is like a man  
Who has no object in life.

—Song of the Strikers

The flood at the Levy Bros.' mill, in Paterson, N. J., has subsided, and the stock on the first floor is badly damaged. This stock consisted of finished ribbons ready for the market. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars. It was a regular Jubilee treat for the strikers when an office employee broke this news to several of the weavers today. At the Frank & Dugan mill, on Main avenue, a little stir was occasioned today. It had been rumored that Mary Jane McMahon would return to work.

Long before starting time every one of the one hundred and four women weavers gathered at the mill, each one carrying a small American flag. They watched patiently for the coming of "Mary Ann," as Miss McMahon is now dubbed. "Where is our Mary Ann?" was shouted by the women and then a verse of a song composed by Miss Healy, the leader, broke out on the crisp morning air.

But Mary did not show up, and the girls waited for the loom tenders and bosses. These, too, failed to put in an appearance. Frank & Dugan are much put out over the actions of their girls. They blame the men of the Market street mill and are merciless when speaking of them. The girls believe that they will win. But in this case complications will have to be met.

The girls are strike at the Haledon Velvet Works have won, and this noon they went back to work. Their demands were conceded in every particular. The strikers marched through the village like conquerors, heralded by the news of the victory, reached the Frank & Dugan strikers a second grand parade was held around the mill.

As a result of this competition," says the statement, "fifteen white and twenty Chinese laundries on the east side have failed, while dozens of others are on the verge of ruin and starvation.

The hand laundrymen say there is no profit in five, six or even seven cents a shirt, since the steam laundry takes two hours for washing, mending, stretching, ironing, and so forth.

The laundrymen must pay rent, labor and supplies, and live, and iron the clothes, and the laundrymen are not clear to the public at when a laundry receives so little for a shirt he cannot be expected to use the best materials, employ good labor, and take proper care over the article."

## CHINESE IN LAUNDRY UNION.

They Join Caucasians in Movement to Keep Up Prices.

The steam laundrymen, the hand laundrymen and the Chinese laundrymen of the city have come to an agreement which on and after next Friday the minimum charge to customers will be cents for shirts and 2 cents for collars and cuffs.

This union for an increase in rates was brought about by committees representing the Steam Laundrymen's Club, the Laundrymen's Protective Association and the Hop Sung Kong Saw—Chinese Laundrymen's association.

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## World Wants Lead Them All

887 Paid Help Wants in this morning's World.

BUT 448 Paid Help Wants in the 13 other N. Y. papers combined.

AGENTS . . . . . 17 PEEDERS . . . . . 4

ALTERATION . . . . . 12 GIRLS . . . . . 12

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS . . . . . 12 HOUSEWORK . . . . . 12

ERS . . . . . 5 JANITOR . . . . . 11

APPRENTICES . . . . . 5 KITCHENWORK . . . . . 12

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BONSAZ . . . . . 6 MILLINERS . . . . . 13

BUTTONHOLES . . . . . 5 MAKERS . . . . . 5

BLACKSMITHS . . . . . 3 NECKWEAR . . . . . 9

BOOKKEEPERS . . . . . 5 OPERATORS . . . . . 8

BOOKBINDERS . . . . . 5 PRESSERS . . . . . 8

BOYS . . . . . 12 PAINTERS . . . . . 7

BRAIDERS . . . . . 6 PLATE HANDS . . . . . 7

BUSHELMEN . . . . . 6 PRETENDER . . . . . 7

CABIN MAKERS . . . . . 3 SHOE HANDS . . . . . 27

COLLECTORS . . . . . 3 SALESMEN . . . . . 17

COMPOSITORS . . . . . 3 SALESMEN . . . . . 14

CUTTERS . . . . . 1 SKIRT HANDS . . . . . 7

CHAMBERMAIDS . . . . . 21 STENOGRAPHERS . . . . . 6

COOKS . . . . . 6 TUCKERS . . . . . 7

CANVASSEERS . . . . . 6 TALES . . . . . 8

DESIGNSMAKERS . . . . . 5 TINSMITHS . . . . . 9

DESIGNERS . . . . . 5 USEFUL MEN . . . . . 4

DISHWASHERS . . . . . 4 WAITERS . . . . . 5

DRIVERS . . . . . 5 WINDOW . . . . . 21

DRUG CLEARS . . . . . 9 FISHER . . . . . 21

FIRE CHAMBERS . . . . . 21 FISHER . . . . . 21

FRUIT GIRLS . . . . . 2 WAIST HANDS . . . . . 21

WAIRTHRIES . . . . . 16 MISCELLANEOUS . . . . . 19

GRAND BOYS . . . . . 4 TOTAL . . . . . 387

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## Thursday—First Showing of Infants' Wear.

Baby's apparel the feature to-morrow a wide variety of pretty, dainty things—materials and making the best, and each price indicates a positive economy—merely these hints here, a visitor may say to know the goodness of the articles.

INFANTS' WHITE DRESSES of fine lawn, voile trimmed with embroidered insertion, tucks and hemstitching, some having deep embroidery or Val lace, 6 mos. to 1 year . . . . . 59c

INFANTS' BONNETS of cream China silk, embroidered or plain, trimmed with Val lace and ribbon, somewhat plumed, all sizes . . . . . 1.98

INFANTS' CAPS of cream embroidered China silk, with lace and ribbon, all sizes . . . . . 69c

CHILDREN'S GUIMPE WAISTS of fine lawn, a variety of styles, lace back and front or tucks or hemstitching, neck and sleeve edged with Val lace or embroidery, 2 to 10 yrs . . . . . 39 and 59c

INFANTS' COATS of cream Bedford cord, double capes trimmed with Val lace and piping, 1 to 2 years . . . . . 2.49

INFANTS' COATS of cream Bedford cord, double capes trimmed with Val lace and piping, 2 to 3 yrs . . . . . 3.49

CHILDREN'S GUIMPE WAISTS of fine lawn voile trimmed with seven rows of Val lace embroidery, 2 to 10 yrs . . . . . 3.49

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